THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have taken up/propose to take up a number of programmes for increasing feed and fodder availability in the country which include the following:

1. Central Sector Programmes:

(i) Quality fodder seed production and transfer of fodder production technology through the regional stations for forage production and demonstration and Productionthe Central Fodder Seed Farm,Hessarghatta; and

(ii) Fodder Minikit Demonstration Programme.

2. Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

(i) Strengthening of fodder seed farms in the States;

(ii) Fodder Seed Production through registered growers;

(iii) Programme for enrichment of straws and cellulosic wastes ;

(iv) Establishment of silvi pasture system for increasing biomass production; and

(v) Assistance for grass land development including grass reserves.

Nationl Live Stock Feed Grid

2458. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop a national live stock feed grid on the lines of the natio nal milk grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are yet to be finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

Broduction of Jute and Mesta

2459. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the productivity of Jute and Mesta per hactare has been decreasing;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Besides market and price support, a centrally sponsored scheme on "Special Jute Development Programme (SJDP)" is being implemented in important Jute/mesta growing States The scheme provides financial assistance to the States for supply of essential inputs required for increasing productivity. Besides, demonstrations are organised for disseminating advanced technology and farmers are trained for production technology.

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2460. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में दुग्ध स्कीम के अधीन कितने संयंत्र चल रहे हैं;